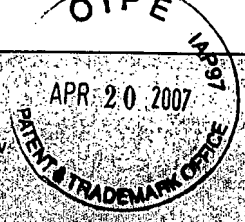


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**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).*

Application Number	10/500,220
Filing Date	June 25, 2004
First Named Inventor	Kyosuke KOKATSU et al.
Group Art Unit	Group Art Unit 3611
Examiner Name	Examiner Tony H. Winner
Attorney Docket Number	2004_0993A
Confirmation No.	7489

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other_
 - b. Enclosed:

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 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) -WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
 - b. Other_
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) + \$790.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. Other PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) -WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE + \$130.00
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